

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to cancel Claims 1-5 and add new Claims 6-10 as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (New) A washing machine comprising a detergent flushing device and a detergent introduction line running to the washing tub, which has a free connection to the surrounding atmosphere, as well as a supplementary ventilation line connected to the washing tub, wherein the supplementary ventilation line is guided from an opening provided as high as possible on the washing tub to a nozzle arranged as high as possible on the detergent flushing device and that the detergent introduction line is guided from the detergent flushing device to an upper region of the washing tub located as far as possible from the opening of the ventilation nozzle without any formation in which a water reservoir can form.

7. (New) The washing machine according to claim 6, wherein the detergent flushing device comprises a lower portion and a cover lying on said lower portion and that at least one of the cover and its bearing surface towards the lower portion of the flushing device have impermeable spacing compartments in relation to a portion laterally adjacent to at least one of the cover and the lower portion.

8. (New) The washing machine according to claim 7, wherein the cover of the detergent flushing device has elevated webs on its underside which are aligned parallel to the spacing compartments.

9. (New) The washing machine according to claim 6, wherein the detergent introduction line is connected to an inlet nozzle arranged on the bottom of the washing

tub and that the bottom of the washing tub has a chimney-like recess in the area of the inlet nozzle.

10. (New) The washing machine according to claim 9, wherein the chimney-like recess in the bottom of the washing tub is a component of a stability-enhancing shaping.